

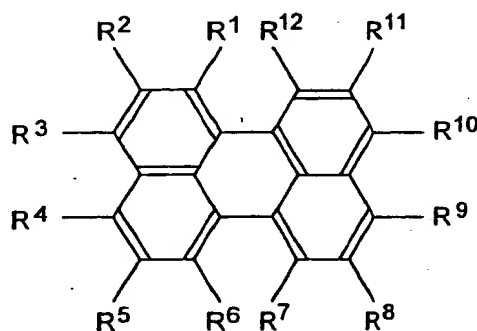
## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested in order to place the application in condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for continuing examination.

### In the Claims

Amend claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An organic electroluminescent (EL) device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including a perylene compound represented by a general formula as follows:



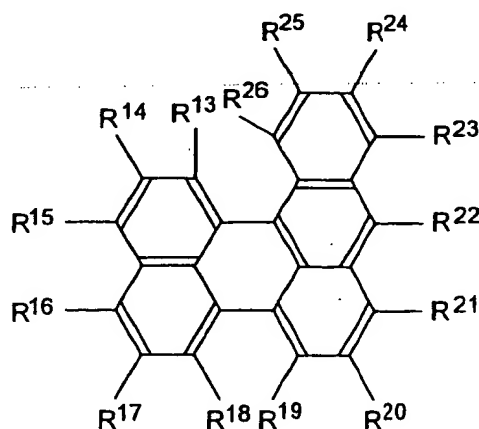
wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>12</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; any two of R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>12</sup> may form a ring; however, at

least one of  $R^1$  to  $R^{12}$  is a diarylamino group represented by  $-NAr^1Ar^2$  (each of  $Ar^1$  and  $Ar^2$  represents substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and at least one of the  $R^1$  to  $R^{12}$  other than the diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group.

2. (Twice Amended) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one of  $Ar^1$  and  $Ar^2$  has a substituted or non-substituted styryl group as a substituent.

7. (Twice Amended) An organic EL device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including a benzoperylene compound represented by a general formula as follows:



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C2 wherein each of  $R^{13}$  to  $R^{26}$  independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; and two of  $R^{13}$  to  $R^{26}$  may form a ring; and at least one of  $R^{13}$  to  $R^{26}$  is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group.

C3 8. (Amended) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein at least one of  $R^{13}$  to  $R^{26}$  is a diarylamino group represented by  $-NAr^1Ar^2$  (each of  $Ar^1$  and  $Ar^2$  represents non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted aromatic heterocyclic group).

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Add claims 14-18 as follows:

C4 14. (Additional) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the group with steric hindrance is adamantyloxy, adamantyl, t-butyl or t-butoxy.

15. (Additional) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the steric hindrance group is adamantyloxy or t-butoxy.

16. (Additional) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein at least two of R<sup>13</sup> to R<sup>26</sup> are adamantyloxy or t-butoxy.

17. (Additional) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the group with steric hindrance is adamantyloxy, adamantyl, t-butyl, t-butoxy or phenyloxy.

18. (Additional) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the group with steric hindrance is adamantyl.

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